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Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated April 11, 2008. Applicants respond to that Office Action as follows:

The undersigned thanks Examiner Qian for the courtesy and helpful comments extended during their recent discussion of the application.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants elect C5, optionally in combination with any of genes recited in claim 31.

As discussed with Examiner Qian, it is understood that the present election is for initial examination only, and that the examination of the present application will not be limited to the election made herein.

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Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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